

CHAPTER NO. 691

SENATE BILL NO. 2338

By Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2103

By Brooks

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-183, relative to funeral processions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-183, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c)(1) Unless complying with the specific order of a law enforcement officer, it is unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle to knowingly:

(A) Fail to yield the right-of-way to a properly identified funeral procession progressing across an intersection in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (a)(1); or

(B) While following a properly identified funeral procession along a two-lane street, road or highway, pass or attempt to pass a properly identified funeral procession; or

(C) Drive or attempt to drive between the vehicles within a properly identified funeral procession.

(2) Each violation of this subsection is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(3) For purposes of this subsection, to be a "properly identified" funeral procession, such procession must be indicated by a flashing amber light and a auditory signaling device mounted on the lead vehicle or by other properly identified escort, and a flag or other appropriate marking device on each vehicle in the procession indicating that such vehicle is part of the funeral procession.

(4) Any county or municipality may adopt the provisions of this subsection for properly identified funeral processions within its jurisdiction by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of such county or municipality. If a county or municipality adopts the provisions of this subsection, the presiding officer of such legislative body shall proclaim and certify its adoption to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 3, 2000


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of May 2000


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